Docket No.: 43890-463

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure

Customer Number: 20277

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Application No.: 09/708,083

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE RETRIEVAL:

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

<u>Transmitted</u> herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	14	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$88.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: